

Dear Board of Finance,

My name is Caitlin Woolsey, I am the mother of four with two boys currently attending Julia Stark Elementary in first and third grade. I am writing today asking you to keep the employment of the parent facilitators in our schools. To pass a budget that will allow this position to stay in our school district. Karina Brea is the parent facilitator at Julia Stark and she has positively impacted our families experience with Stamford Public Schools.

We moved here from Ohio last July and she was a great resource as we transitioned to a new area and school. It was a great comfort to know I had a contact at the school I could ask questions to. She hold monthly meetings that are full of information on whats going on at our school as well as community resources. She had the PFO president come and speak and I have been able to get involved with that because of her. She is bilingual and even though I don't need assistance in this area,I know she is making a real difference in the lives of those families who feel comfortable to ask her questions and receive help and answers that they can understand. She is a vital tool to help us as parents know what we can do better to assist teachers and administrators make the best environment for our students to learn their very best.

I know that keeping this position of parent facilitators in school will positively impact the school district through creating bonds between families and the schools in which their children attend. I ask you to consider us as families and our needs when passing the budget. Thank you for your time.

Caitlin Woolsey
Parent of students at Julia Stark Elementary